

REMARKS

These remarks are in response to the Official Action mailed on January 11, 2005. The Office Action gave an obviousness-type double patenting rejection to claims 1-20 based on U.S. patent number 6,345,001, of which the present application is a descendent. Although the validity of this double patenting rejection has not been evaluated, a terminal disclaimer is being filed with the present application to facilitate the application process.

The Examiner's attention is also called to the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently with the present application in order to list references cited in the parents of the present application. Although the Office Action included a marked off copy of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, there is no indication of this earlier Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently with the present application having been considered.

Claims 1-20 are now believed to be in form for allowance. Reconsideration of claims 1-20, and consideration of the earlier Information Disclosure Statement, are therefore requested and an early indication of their allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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